

**Shelby County Fire Department
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******* EVENTS NOTIFICATION *******

Fire Fighters “on the line” much of last night

Incident Date: March 25, 2014

Multiple emergencies throughout the northeastern regions of Shelby County kept dispatchers and fire fighters from Shelby County, Arlington and Millington Fire Departments very busy throughout most of Tuesday night and into Wednesday morning.

5:50 PM: In the ten thousand block of Monroe in Lakeland, a fire in a home, probably of electrical origin, was called in by several motorists as well as the homeowner. This prompted a response from three engine companies from Shelby County and one from the Arlington fire departments (almost twenty fire fighters). Upon arrival, fire fighters noted that smoke and fire was visible in the upper attic areas and quickly began efforts to expose that fire and knock it down. There were no injuries to anyone during this event and although the home can be repaired, it suffered heavy damage. The complete cause of this fire remains under investigation.

8:30PM: While fire fighters were still on the scene of the home fire, Dispatchers had to send other fire personnel and equipment to reports of a seven vehicle crash on eastbound I-40 between Canada and Airline Roads. While firefighters had to remove one motorist who was trapped within his overturned SUV, preparations for transporting five patients to area hospitals began. The interstate remained closed for several hours last night mainly due to debris and wrecked vehicles that required towing from the scene. No fatalities or life-threatening injuries resulted from this crash. Agencies such as the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Shelby County Sheriff’s Office, Arlington Fire, TDOT and the Shelby County Fire Department all coordinated their efforts at this emergency.

10PM: Outbuilding / Garage / Workshop Fire in the 8200 block of Jack Bond Rd. Many of the same fire fighters who had been on the previous two calls were again sent from their stations to this report of a structure fire. Fire fighters from Arlington, Millington and Shelby County Fire Departments again coordinated their efforts into stopping the progression of this blaze. By 10:22 the fire was under control and did not break through to a larger section of the workshop and garage spaces. There were no injuries and the cause has yet to be determined.

12:45AM: Outbuilding Fire in the 5400 block of Arlin in Arlington. For the fourth time in this seven hour span, dispatchers again “toned out” multiple engine companies who had been very hard at work to another report of a shed on fire. The 560 square foot outbuilding was destroyed in the blaze which was knocked down by 13 minutes after 1:00 AM. No injuries resulted from this fire and Investigators from the Arlington Fire Department will be working to determine the circumstances that started this fire.



Above: The scene on Monroe Rd. in Lakeland. Right: Fire fighters prepare the “Jaws of Life” moments before getting this motorist to safety. This collision was on I-40 between Canada Rd. & Airline Rd.

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